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Dear Josh:

I am glad to have your letter of January 21st with a preview of the plans you and Ester have for next year. I suppose that this means you never did write me about your plans but that I got the wrong scoop via a distorted rumor. I will do my best to spread the correct counter-rumor. In any event, you both sound very lucky to me and I am sure you will have a perfect and enjoyable stay in Australia and somehow will be able to manage a pleasant trip through India and Europe. On your way back from England this April, I hope to have a chance to talk to you both about it all.

I am also glad that you intend to return so early. ~~for~~ for Hirota's sake I am enclosing a confidential report on him which I presume you will want to file with his application which I already sent you. Two other report forms now in my hands I am sending to Kikkawa and Inoki and they should be returned to you in the near future. I sincerely hope that everything goes well for Hirota because I believe he is worth the investment of everyone's time.

How is fund raising coming out Wisconsin way? We now have from institutions about three thousand dollars including such sums as two thousand dollars from Columbia, five hundred dollars from Wesleyan, one hundred dollars from Cal Tech and five dollars from Fordham. Good luck in your efforts.

With all best wishes to you both,

Sincerely yours,


Francis J. Ryan

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